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Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

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 Copies of IDS citations  
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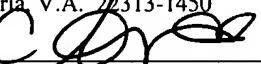
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.